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Wrestlers improve record

by John Middlekauff

The Northern High School Wrestling Team picked up two wins this past week, to improve its overall record to 13-6 (3-4 within Division I) as it defeated Cumberland Valley 27-23 and Shippensburg 56-15.

Northern's victory over Cumberland Valley was, in some cases, a big hurdle as the Polar Bears have had trouble in Division I. It would seem that the key to victory in that bout, was Coach Rudisill's "chess-like" moves at some very important weight classes. First of all, at 119 lbs. Jerry Sterner was moved down to that slot, while Chad Rosenberger moved up to 125 lb. At 145 lb. Dave Habowski moved into that slot, while Chris Bentley moved to 152 lb. and Kevin Leitzel was in at 160 lb. The highlight was the match, while there were a few, has to be Dave Habowski's win over Jim Sauve.

Continuing the flow, Northern headed to Shippensburg on Saturday (2/17) and totally demolished a struggling Greyhound outfit. Ship could only win three individual matches (103, 130 and 275) as Northern just showed too much strength.

Following the loss at 103, the Polar Bears got a decision from Joel Yohn (112), a pin from Jerry Sterner (119) and Chad Rosenberger's technical fall (9:25) to really upend the Hounds. Northern also picked up a host of pins from Matt Ayers (135), Dave Habowski (145), Chris Bentley (152), and Kevin Leitzel (160) to boost their impressive totals. The final Northern points came as a result of a default and two forfeits. Steve Miller won by default at 140, while Brian Baxter and Jamie Lechares picked up the forfeits.

Northern has just one more scheduled match before the divisional tournament, which will be followed by sectionals and then the state tournament. That remaining match will be Monday (2/19) at Biglerville. The Bears will have their work cut out for them, as the Cannons have a very fine team this year and feature three excellent wrestlers in this area Biglerville's Brad Showers (145), Jason Fissel (152), and Donnie Orner (160) are well respected and will pose problems for Northern as the Bears get ready to close out the season.



Northern Community Task Force receives grant money - Rep. Bruce Smith (above, center) presents check from Pennsylvanians Aware, a coalition for drug and alcohol, to Northern Community Task Force members Carol Desideranti, Mary Kiehn, and Linda Irwin. The money

will be used to co-sponsor along with the Northern School District, the works of the Saltwork Theatre Company. Saltwork will be presenting two musicals on adolescent chemical dependency on March 7th and March 8 at the Northern Middle and High School, respectively.

Baseball Association ready for new season

by John Middlekauff

It doesn't seem possible, but youth baseball activities are just around the corner. In fact some of those activities have already begun.

The Dillsburg Youth Baseball Program has certainly not been idle as it prepares for the coming season. Most of the small but necessary work has been completed on existing fields, while plans and developments continue with regards to additional much needed playing facilities. Case in point, a new regulation-size ballfield is being cut out at the Carroll Twp. Municipal Building complex, and work will continue on that one. Plans to construct another T-league field at the Franklin Twp. Building has not yet materialized.

Perhaps the biggest, and just maybe, the most important project entered into by the Baseball Association, has been the review and revision of its constitution and bylaws. Under the leadership of Chairman Dave Munsh the constitution and bylaws will be in effect very soon.

Baseball registration is right around the corner, with registration dates of February 17th and 24th at the Dillsburg Elementary School having been set. Members of the Association will be on hand between 9 and 12

on those dates to sign up our youth for baseball and softball. Note of interest, the registration fee has not been changed for this coming year.

Hopefully, more complete details of association activities will be forthcoming now that the winter sports program at the school will be coming to a close.

Mine information and pictures wanted

The Mines Committee of the Northern York County Historical and Preservation Society is seeking information and pictures of the mining operations that were in operation in the Dillsburg area from about 1850 to 1915.

The committee would like to have any information on the many ore mines, the white clay, the black clay, copper or limestone quarrying operations and especially the Pinkerton mine. Donations of photos will be greatly appreciated, or if individuals want to keep these in their photo collection, a loan of them will aid the committee in recording this historically important operation of the area. Please contact Bob Gayman at 255 Chestnut Grove Road, Dillsburg, Pa 17019 or call 432-4238.

Boys basketball continue slide

by John Middlekauff

Ed Sprengle serves as scoreboard operator at Northern High Boys Basketball games. He has never hit the switch that would light up 100 points by a single team on the Polar Bear scoreboard. Tuesday night (2/13) he almost got his chance. West Perry paid a visit to the Northern gym, and chewed up the Bears 92-51. The Mustangs pretty much had things their own way the entire game. They outscored Northern 28-11 in the first quarter, a whopping 21-9 in the second, and 15-6 in the third. Only in the fourth quarter could Northern hold their own, but West Perry still outscored them 28-25. Perhaps if the Mustangs hadn't had such a slow third quarter, Sprengle could have seen his 100 point score.

The second half has not been good for the Northern Bears. As the season progresses, you look for things to get better as they get accustomed to each other and the teams they play. To say the Polar Bears have gone down hill the second half would be an understatement. Against West Perry, Joe Fox led the scoring effort with eighteen points, with Chris Flohr aiding the cause with ten. West Perry finished with four players in double figures, and a total of eleven players scoring points in this one.

Friday night (2/16) the Bears travelled to Mechanicsburg and returned to form. They battled the host Wildcats to an almost (17-19) standstill in the first half, only to get blitzed 30-17 in the second half as they lost, their seventeenth of the season, and fourth in a row 49-34. Tom Bernheimer's club has really hit the skids of late, with only two games remaining to be played. Northern was led in scoring by Bart Mehring with fourteen points, but the Wildcats were able to keep a clamp on Joe Fox (16) and Chris Flohr (14). Northern will close out its season with a home contest against Camp Hill on Tuesday, followed by its season ender at Trinity on Friday.

Totally blind, Carmelle survives by her wits

By Mary Lou Bytof

Continued from February 15 issue.

Totally blind, and living alone in an abandoned building in Brooklyn, Lisa Carmelle said she survived by using her sharp wits.

"In a worldly sense, I was very wise," she recalled, "and when you don't have the Lord that's all you have."

In the morning and early afternoon, the young teen faithfully attended school. In the late afternoon and evening, she was on the streets negotiating for street gangs.

Soon, her organizational talents became known to those who controlled the waterfront in the 1950's-the Mafia.

Carmelle said she received more money for her services to the mob than most of the couriers. There was a form of "Mafia Welfare," she said. The organization was responsible for her blindness, she explained, and the money was its method of compensating her for the accident.

"I was an example of bad PR (for the Mafia)," she said. "I got in their way."

At 15, the mob promoted her to the position of international courier. "I was sent to work overseas laundering funds," she said.

"I would go to Montreal with a suitcase loaded with money, then to France and switch it to francs. In Italy, I'd switch the francs to lira, and move on the Swiss banks where the money was converted to Swiss currency," she explained.

"I'd receive up to five percent of the amount I was carrying," she said.

At one point, Carmelle said she juggled 41 different passports in 41 different names. While she was on business throughout Europe, the mob had

arranged for her to graduate from the high school which she had attended-complete with a diploma and a transcript.

"I hadn't attended school in two years," she said. "Someone made the principal an offer she couldn't refuse," Carmelle joked.

In spite of the intrigue of her travels, Carmelle was lost.

"I wouldn't trust people," she explained. "I couldn't meet new people and really have them get to know me," she said noting the nature of her work.

"I developed the attitude that it was me against everyone else."

As the money kept coming, Carmelle decided it to use it to try to find meaning in her life.

First, she studied religion. She said she paid noted rabbis, monks, and imams to teach her the essence of their respective religions. But she wasn't satisfied.

"Everyone basically said the same thing," she explained. "That was to do the best you can do in hope to please a god who could not be pleased."

"At that time, I had never met anyone whose religion had made a difference in their life," she added.

So, Carmelle gave up on her quest for religious fulfillment, and looked toward philosophy to fix her long-broken spirit.

Existentialism was the popular philosophy of that decade, she noted. But everyone important in the existentialist movement was committing suicide, she quipped.

Existentialism focused on the individual and the freedom it has to make choices and to be responsible for its own life. If this philosophy had failed on most staunch disciples, it, too, was not the answer, she quickly discovered.

So, when religion and philosophy had failed her,

Carmelle began to dabble in politics.

"I became very active in left wing politics," she said. In the 1970's, Carmelle said she took approximately \$18 million of her illicit earnings to finance Robert Mugabe's rebellion against the former Rhodesian government.

Carmelle said she purchased weapons for the rebellion from the Soviet Union and Red China.

She said she chose the two communist nations to supply the arms because 1) the Soviet Union was committed to revolution, and 2) Mugabe's political philosophy was in line with that of Communist China. The United States at that time, she said, passively was supporting the white Rhodesian government under former Prime Minister Ian Smith.

After widespread guerrilla warfare in Rhodesia, Robert Mugabe was elected prime minister of the independent nation of Zimbabwe in early 1980. In 1981, fighting erupted between the Mugabe's Shona tribe and the Ndebele tribe under the leadership of Joshua Nkomo.

The continuation of the traditional warfare between the two tribes, plus the brief persecution of whites after Smith's departure, disillusioned Carmelle.

Changing the political scene only seem as drugs who are the victims, Carmelle said. Any society that produces victims is undesirable, she added.

What do you do when you give up on religion, philosophy, and politics? Carmelle asked herself. She had to find a way to live.

In the meantime, she returned to the United States and moved to a suburban Redwood New Jersey suburb.